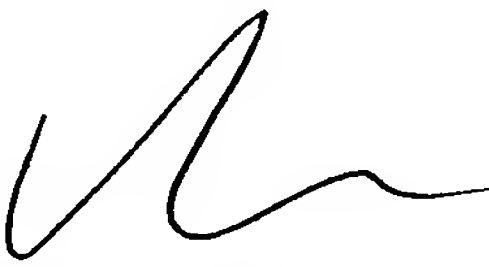


REMARKS

Claims 12 -22 have been canceled without prejudice. Original claims 1 - 11 and 23 - 27 are pending. It is respectfully submitted that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of these claims is therefore respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-named attorney for any issues in the present application.

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